

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to commend Holly Petraeus for her honorable and astute service to the soldiers and their families of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell as well as to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holly Petraeus is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Mrs. Petraeus has willingly and faithfully served the Fort Campbell and neighboring civilian communities, distinguishing herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community and this State; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting the utmost selflessness and dedication to the soldiers and families at Fort Campbell, Mrs. Petraeus has not only strengthened the bonds of friendship between the civilian and military communities, but has also tremendously enhanced the overall quality of life for the soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary role model who carries out her acts of service with the greatest dignity and consideration, Mrs. Petraeus has played an integral role in providing support to families of soldiers through programs such as Installation Volunteer Office, Army Family Team Building, Junior Enlisted Family Center/Co-Op Nursery, Officers' Spouses' Club, Exceptional Family Member Program, Army Family Action Plan, and Family Readiness Groups; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Petraeus has been unwavering in her advocacy of the young soldiers and their families; her remarkable leadership and altruistic service have always been accompanied by a comforting sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, having improved the numerous programs that she has served, Mrs. Petraeus was instrumental in the success of the deployment at Fort Campbell and continues to dedicate herself to easing the stress of the soldiers in Iraq by ensuring the best possible care of their families; and

WHEREAS, the wife of Major General David Petraeus, the outgoing Commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Mrs. Petraeus's endeavors have far surpassed the scope of a normal military spouse, as Fort Campbell has never enjoyed a Commander's wife who so selflessly dedicated herself to the caring for soldiers and their family members; and

WHEREAS, playing an invaluable role as a member of the Command Team at Fort Campbell, Mrs. Petraeus's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Mrs. Petraeus epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Petraeus is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Holly Petraeus for her honorable and astute service to the families and soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell as well as to the people of Tennessee, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage, conviction, and selfless dedication to others, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.